



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 1	Senate Amendment 1
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Current law provides that the nine-member delegation representing Wisconsin on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) must include two Senators and two Representatives to the Assembly from the two major political parties. [s. 13.55 (1), Stats.] The NCCUSL permits only attorneys who are members of a state bar association to be voting commissioners or associate members of the NCCUSL.

Senate Bill 1 requires, in compliance with the NCCUSL mandate, that legislative members of Wisconsin's delegation to the NCCUSL be members of the state bar. The bill states that, if a seat cannot be filled because an insufficient number of current legislators are members of the state bar, that seat *shall* be filled by a former legislator who served on the NCCUSL during his or her term as a legislator and who is a member of the state bar. The bill also states that a former legislator *shall* be appointed as are members of standing committees. These provisions do not apply if the NCCUSL permits persons to become voting commissioners or associate members without regard to their membership in the state bar.

Senate Amendment 1 changes the highlighted "shall" to "may" in both places in the above paragraph.

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Risser and adopted by a voice vote of the Senate on January 28, 2003.

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